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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7469

INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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SUBJ: MOSCOW RADIO CRITICISM OF AMBASSADOR GODLEY

REF: STATE 78888

1. APPRECIATE REFTTEL.

2. EMBOFF RAISED WITH LOCAL TASS (AND KGB) REP KOPYTIN ON APR 18 TWO BROADCASTS BY RADIO MOSCOW ATTACKING ME. HE POINTED OUT THAT BOTH BROADCASTS HAD NOT ONLY CITED ARTICLES IN BEIRUT PRESS BUT ALSO INCLUDED DIRECT STATEMENTS BY SOVIET COMMENTATOR. KOPYTIN EXPRESSED AMAZEMENT, SAID HE WAS SURE RADIO MOSCOW COULD NOT HAVE GONE BEYOND QUOTING LOCAL PRESS, BUT ADMITTED THAT COMMENTARY HAD CONTAINED DIRECT ACCUSATIONS AND ATTACK AFTER HE READ BOTH FBIS REPORTS.

2. EMBOFF RECALLED THAT KOPYTIN, IN DISCUSSING PRESS ATTACKS LAST JANUARY (BEIRUT 922), HAD SAID THAT AMBASSADORS SHOULD NOT BE ATTACKED SINCE THEY ALWAYS ACT AS AGENTS OF THEIR GOVTS AND NOT ON THEIR OWN INITIATIVE. EMBOFF ASKED WHETHER WE SHOULD ASSUME THAT RADIO MOSCOW BROADCASTS CONFIRM TRUTH OF THAT STATEMENT SO FAR AS USSR EMBASSY AND SOV FOREIGN MINISTRY ARE CONCERNED. KOPYTIN
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HOTLY DENIED THAT SOV EMBASSY HERE HAS AT ANY TIME OR IN

ANY WAY ATTEMPTED INSPIRE ATTACKS, ALLEGING HE HAD BEEN
REASSURED ON THIS POINT PREVIOUS DAY BY EMBASSY CHARGE
SILKIN. (COMMENT: ACCORDING TO NUMEROUS RELIABLE
SOURCES, SOV EMBASSY HAS IN FACT BEEN STIMULATING THESE
ATTACKS.)
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